### THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

The Convention of the National League of Republican Clubs, in session in St. Paul, elected Isaac M. Hamilton, of Chicago, president, and, having adopted a set of strong resolutions, ad-

The Standard Stone Company bought a spring controlling Martinsburg's water supply, and diverted the water causing a famine and an injunction.

Congressman Otey, of the Sixth Virginia district; Hay, of the Seventh, and Rixey, of the Eighth, were renominated by acclamation.

An order was signed by Judge Foster in New York dismissing the indictment found there against Mrs. Nack in the Guldensuppe murder case.

Captain Charles J. Holmes, of the yacht Idler, which capsized off Avon Point, drowning five women and a baby, was arrested in Cleveland.

The Hawaiian National Committee sent a letter of thanks to President McKinley for the liberal laws approved

Prof. Charles R. Eastman, of How ard, accused of the murder of Richard H. Grogan, Jr., was discharged,

Irene McMaster, seventeen years o age, was burned to death at her home in Paradise township, Pa.

A freight train ran into an excursion train at Johnstown, Pa., and a number of persons were more or less hurt.

Commissioner of Patents Duell sub mitted his annual report, showing a total of 26,540 patents granted.

Governor-General Wood arrived in New York from Cuba. He speaks en tions on the island.

thusiastically of the peaceful condi John W. Yerkes was nominated by the Republicans for Governor of Ken

tucky. Republican National headquarters in the East will consist of 22 rooms in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's building, in New York.

Rear Admiral Cotton relieved Admiral Barker of the command of the Norfolk Naval Station. Admiral Bar

ker will take command in Brooklyn. Judge Washington, of Philadelphia a direct descendant of George Wash ington's father, died at Hot Springs

Arizona, of consumption. A report was received at the War Department from Brigadier-General

Randall saying the sanitary conditions at Cape Nome are serious. William L. Forney, a contractor, and

Lee Kyger drove in front of a railroad train at Alterwald, Pa., and both were badly hurt. Curtis Guild, of Boston, declined the appointment of First Assistant Post-master General, to succeed Perry S.

The town of Peoria, Texas, was destroyed by a tornado. Mrs. John Nelson and her two children were fatally

Three young women were killed at a railroad crossing near Shelbyville,

Ind., while driving in a carriage. A St. Louis street car was wrecked by dynamite placed on the track and

two passengers were injured. The Amalgamated Association scale was signed by the Republic Iron Works, in Pittsburg.

Col. John Hamilton, U. S. A. (retired), died at the Hotel St. George,

in Brooklyn. Charles A. Holenbaugh, a lad of 12 years, died in Carlisle, Pa., from lock-

A number of diplomatic appointments were made by President Mc-Kinley.

James Swick killed his wife and himself in Cayuga, Ontario.

The business section of Prescott, Arizona, was destroyed by fire, the losses being estimated at one million dollars, and the insurance at less than one-half that amount.

Luther H. Bailey, of a New York brokerage firm which was connected with the discretionary pool business, was expelled from the Consolidated Stock Exchange.

Charles A. Towne, late People's party nominee for Vice-President, spoke at a Democratic ratification meeting in Colorado Springs, Col.

A committee in New York asked Mr Cleveland and Mr. Reed to join a third party, to be composed of Gold Demo-crats and Anti-Expansion Republicans.

A number of the guests at the launching of the steamer American at Chester, Pa., were thrown into the river by the breaking of a plank. All were saved.

The coroner's jury in Tacoma, Wash., held the electric railway company to blame for the Fourth of July disaster, in which many lives were lost.

Rev. T. H. James, a preacher, of Salina, Kan., who went to England to look after a big estate in Liverpool, disappeared after reaching Southamp-

AGAINST CONVENING CONGRESS.

### WASHINGTON IS HOPEFUL.

Military Measures are Considered-Army Experts Submit Data Showing That Unless the Situation Changes for the Worse There Will Be No Need to Enlist Additional Troops

Washington (Special) .- After a hurried trip from Canton to Washington President McKinley discussed the Chinese situation with his Cabinet for two hours, and then authorized a statement :hat at present he saw no necessity for an extra session of Congress. He added that if the time should come when he considered an extra session secessary to give him additional men noney or authority, he would not hesiate to call one.

Secretaries Gage, Long, Root, and Hay and Postmaster-General Smith atended the Cabinet meeting in response o a telegraphic notification from President McKinley on his way from Canton. Messrs. Root and Long presented statements of the forces they were prepared to place in China. Secretary Root spoke of the 10,000 men already ordered there, for the destination of the troops sent by way of Nagasaki is no longer in doubt, and said he could spare a few more from the United States without denuding fortifications. Mr. Long thought the 500 additional marines he had already ordered to China were about all the Marine Corps could spare at present. The strength of the Marine Corps is 5000 men, so with the 1200 now in China or on the way and the 500 to be sent, nearly 40 per cent. of the force would be there, Brigadier-General Haywood, who commands the Marine Corps, was authorized to recruit it to its full legal strength of 6000. The additional 1000 can be used in China. But about 5000 will be drawn from the Philippines.

The information that the Chinese city in Tientsin had fallen before the allies was received as encouraging, although regret was expressed at the considerable losses which the allies had suffered. This victory relieved the strain when it was feared the allies in Tientsin might suffer the fate of the Ministers and others in Pekin. It was believed the allies could now hold their own at Tientsin, and the disaster to Chinese there would have a deterring effect on the contemplated movement of the Boxers toward Shanghai and

Tientsin. Satisfaction was also expressed that Li Hung Chang had been appointed Viceroy of Chihli, although his with-drawal from Canton may result in some disorder there. It is thought, however, his presence in the disturbed province, with supreme authority over the remaining troops faithful to the Government, will greatly assist in restoring order. Viceroy Li's acquaint-ance with the resources of the great powers is such that he will undoubtedly discountenance projects of war, although the fear is expressed that he will again resort to his diplomacy and endeavor to obtain the most favorable terms by negotiations which may divide the powers.

Minister Wu's information, which he received and communicated to Secretary Hay that the legationers were safe on July 9, was received with expressions of doubt. None of the Cabinet seems to longer hold the hope that any foreigner in Pekin is safe, even if

alive. The Cabinet was of the opinion that the United States could furnish all the troops that could reasonably be expected of her by the powers without calling for more volunteers. American troops in China will soon amount to one-tenth of the United States standing army, which will be proportionately much greater than that of any other power, except possibly

Japan. The appropriations for the support of the army and navy for the fiscal year have just been made available, so there is an abundance of money to last until December, when a deficiency bill can easily be passed.

14TH SAILS FOR CHINA.

MacArthur Tells Also of Departure of Reilly's Battery.

Washington (Special).-The following cablegram was received at the War Department from General MacArthur

dated Manila, July 16: "Transport Indiana sailed for China with 21 officers, including 2 medical; 847 men Fourteenth Regiment United States Infantry; 1 officer, 31 men Ninth Regiment United States Infantry; William Crozier, ordnance officer; 1 ordnance sergeant; 1 chaplain; 16 hospital corps men; Flintshire, with 7 officers, 271 men Reilly's battery; 2 medical officers, 5 hospital corps men, fully

### THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

An Experiment Station of the First Class.

How the Funds of Tax-payers are Being Diverted From Legitimate Channels to Carry on Visionary Schemes.

The editor of the "Suburban Citizen" has received a large number of petitions from numerous citizens throughout the city and county to investigate and open for discussion the working of what they feel to be an extravagant

and impracticable Health Department. We desire to inform our readers that we have fully investigated the various departments connected with the Health Office, and will without delay give the public the benefit of our research and

labor. Let it be further understood that i is our judgment from a careful, unbiased study of the history of the workings of the present administration for the past six years, and the apparent future operations of the present management will be one fraught with great expense, poor results, unfair discriminations, needless and harmful prosecutions and persecutions, the for-mer costing the District government large expenditures of money, and as but few convictions were made by the Department it is plain to us that the

Department is mismanaged. Further, we predict that we will convince all fair-minded readers that as at present operated the Health Depart. ment of the District of Columbia is an expensive kindergarten in which, by reason of lack of knowledge, executive ability, lack of experience of its offi-cers, the public funds of the people of Washington, by reason of their credulity, is being squandered upon the schemes of a visionary executive of the Health Department.

We propose to show that the departent in question has insulte of citizens who by reason of their misfortune and lack of money are known among us as the poor, and by facts and figures drawn from the reports and records of the office itself we will show that the department has by its egotistical desire to flatter its own operations so far forgotten itself and its duty to the public as to have in one of its own reports reflected unnecessarily upon a large body of physicians, and we claim that such reflections were ab solutely unnecessary and maliciously

We shall show that it has been the spirit of the department to sarcastically refer in its reports and communica tions to various citizens and organizations in such manner as to bring into disrepute a department of the District government which was once much respected and honored by the thinking public. In this connection it may not be out of place in order to incident an occasion that demonstrated the embryonic character and immature, inexperienced judgment of the department to call to mind an occasion of the criticism of the Police Court of the District of Columbia by the Health Department of this city. If our informa tion be correct in relation thereto the department was induced or compelled change or retract its reflection made against the court and its official. If space will permit and time allow, the management of this newspaper will point out the defects, of which there are many, in the various departments of the Health Office. We venture to say that our readers will conclude as we have already determined upon the following petition, which shall be urged upon the Commissioners of the District of Co-

That in the interest of the taxpayers of the District of Columbia, and the fair reputation of the National Capital, the Commissioners should appoint an experienced and capable physician as Health Officer for this District, and that the present management be not allowed to longer continue its control.

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